companies in the pursuit of procuring of their feed stock at the best possible price.

FAI and urea companies have held a series of discussion regarding the infrastructure facilities at ports, mode of inland transportation, quality of naphtha and modalities of issuing tenders etc.

The issue pertaining to decontrol of urea marketing is being examined as part of the proposed new pricing policy, which is under the consideration of the Government.

Testing of Pro-biotic fertilizer

1800. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council for Agricultural Research has completed the testing of organic fertilizer know as "Pro-biotic" fertilizer;

(b) if so, the findings thereof; and

(c) if not by when the test would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The testing of Pro-biotic fertilizer developed by Institute of Studies and Transformation, Ahmedabad could be accomplished as soon as the agency completed the requisite formalities for testing with Indian Institute of Soil Science (IISS) Bhopal.

Closure of Sindri unit of FCI

1801. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sindri unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India has been shut down since 16th March, 2002;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the plant has been restarted;